

Application No. 09/681,817
Reply to Office Action of April 25, 2005

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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that this response and amendment is in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.113, and requests entry of this Amendment After Final and reconsideration of the pending claims. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 6, and claim 6 is cancelled. Claim 7 is amended. Claims 19-24, previously withdrawn, are hereby cancelled. Thus, claims 1-5, 7-18 and 25 are currently pending in the application.

The Office Action at paragraph 14 indicates that claim 6, in its original form, would be allowable if rewritten into claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 6 (as it was prior to amendment). Claims 1 and 7 were amended to make reference to "plastic material" more consistent. Claim 7 was also amended to change the dependency.

Independent claim 1 thus is indicated as being allowable, and claims 2-5, 7-18 and 25 depend from claim 1. Applicant submits that claims 1-5, 7-18 and 25 are allowable.

In view of the amendment and remarks presented herein, Applicant submits that the case is in condition for allowance in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.113, and respectfully requests a notice to that effect. If, however, any minor issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's counsel at the number provided below. Any additional fees for the accompanying response are hereby petitioned for, and the Director is authorized to charge such fees as may be required to Deposit Account 07-0868.

Respectfully submitted,



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